

view to carrying this arrangement into effect, but the learned counsel said that he thought it unnecessary to enter into the details of those transactions upon the present occasion. In part-performance of the liability which was imposed upon the corporation for the benefit of the parish, the corporation assigned for the use of the parish the very piece of ground which the corporation itself had upon the former occasion taken from the parish. The land was taken possession of by the parish officers, and the corporation alleged as an excuse for the non-payment of the £1. a year, that as the parish had now got the land in reference to which the corporation had been obliged to pay the annuity, they would no longer be compelled to pay it.

Mr. Justice Williams inquired how it was that the parish authorities had for so long a time acquiesced in the refusal of the corporation? Mr. Kelly said that there had not been any acquiescence in fact. It was very difficult to compel such a body as the corporation of London to comply with any request. There had, in fact, been a great number of applications to the corporation, and several attempts to induce them peaceably to pay the arrears, as the sum in question was so small and the costs of proceeding at law so great, that nothing but an imperative series of daily orders induces the parish authorities to adapt legal proceedings. The negotiations had been for a long time going on, and it was only very lately that such a refusal had been given as would support an application like the present. The claim was at last brought before the Committee of the Bridge-house Estates, and they came to a resolution not to pay the money; but even if the officers of the parish had been guilty of *laches*, he (Mr. Kelly) submitted that it was not the neglect of one or two sets of churchwardens which could have the effect of taking away the rights of the parish. The money was due to the public of the parish, and was applicable for public purposes, and a fresh indictment became due every year. There was, therefore, no *laches* in fact, and even if there had been, the *laches* could not prejudice the rights of the parish.

The application was granted.

### Miscellaneous.

**FINE ARTS.**—A paragraph found its way into circulation a few days ago, respecting some additions which have recently been made to the Print-room of the British Museum. As some inaccuracies were pointed out in the paragraph alluded to, it may be as well to lay before the public a more correct statement of the circumstances. Since the appointment of Mr. Joice to the keepership of the collection of prints and drawings in the British Museum, not only have great and very important additions been made to it, but the whole has lately been removed to a room built expressly for the purpose, and nearly the entire prints and drawings have been arranged and need in magnificent portfolios. The more recent acquisitions alluded to above, are a most perfect collection of the works of Raffaele Menghen, consisting of the various engravings, unfinished and finished proofs, which he retained for his own use, and which, after his decease, passed into the possession of Signor Bartoli, of Florence. From him they were purchased by Messrs. Colnaghi and Co., of Pall Mall East (not Messrs. Colnaghi and Puckler, of Cockspur Street, as erroneously stated), and sold by them to the Trustees of the British Museum for £1,574. The engravings by Rembrandt, recently purchased from Messrs. Smith, of Little-street, consisted chiefly of prints of somewhat minor importance, but still available for all artistic purposes. These have been added to a second collection of that artist's works, which has lately been judiciously formed in order to obviate any possibility of injury happening to the magnificent collection of Rembrandt's engravings already there, which has, under Mr. Joice's auspices, become, instead of the third or fourth, undoubtedly the first collection in Europe. But among the prints furnished by Messrs. Smith, there were some of considerable importance, of which may be mentioned unique and undescribed early states of Rembrandt's portraits of Coppenol the writing-master, of Vander Linden, and some of his landscapes, together with many very important prints by early German and Dutch masters, several curious early mezzotints, and some fine engravings by Faithorn and Hollar. —*Morning Herald.*

Mr. Thomas G. Callum, Bart., purchased the estate of Hastedsdale, near Bury, on Saturday week, for 10,600*l.*, it being just a century that day since it passed out of his hands as his ancestors'. —*Manchester Journal.*

**IMPROVEMENTS OF THE MINT IN THE BOULEVARD.**—The long contemplated improvement of the Mint in Southwark, are now, it would seem, at once to take place. The same plan for a new street, which was approved of at a meeting held at the Town Hall, on September 17, 1840, designed by Mr. Attiecock, the surveyor, is to undergo little or no modification or alteration. It runs in a slightly curved line from Blackman-street, St. George the Martyr, and joins Charlotte-street, Christchurch, thus cutting through the very heart of the miserable dens and those hotbeds of crime in the Borough Mint. The line will intersect Harrow-street, lead-cross-street, Duke-street, and King-street, embracing Mint-square, and widening Queen-street, Southwark Bridge-road, to upwards of three times its present width. After crossing the Southwark Bridge-road it leaves a portion on the north of Norfolk-street standing, and quitting it at Pavlou's-alley, intersects Prince's-street and crosses Gravel-lane into Charlotte-street, only a corner of which will have to come down. The whole extent is a little more than 6,600 yards. A question naturally suggests itself—beneficial as the vast improvement at present proceeding must be allowed to be, what is to become of the poor who have so long inhabited St. Giles's, the Mint, and other localities which are now daily being razed to the ground?

The results of the last journey made by the celebrated archaeologist, Karl Otfried Müller, are in course of publication at Frankfurt-on-the-Maine. The first part, which is already published, contains *The Antiquarian Collections of Athens*; the second will comprise in it the *architecture and sculpture* of that city; and the third will contain an account of the author's travels in the Mores and Humelias.

The Lords of the Admiralty have purchased the working model from which the statue of Lord Nelson upon the column in Trafalgar-square was executed. The model is five feet ten inches high, and is to be placed in a niche in the vestibule of the Admiralty, immediately facing the principal entrance to that building.

**NEW SQUARE AT FIMLICO.**—There is a new square in course of being laid out and planted in the Belgrave-road, to be called Warwick-square, which will be the most extensive square on the Grosvenor estate. Where the Lock Hospital formerly stood there are erected several splendid mansions.

**ROAD-SURVEYOR'S TITLE OF DIGNITY.**—A young lady from a neighbouring village, being on board of a steam-boat on the Clyde, was coarsely distinguished among a party by a display of ill-placed civility, and was induced to indicate to them her superior status and accomplishments. On her ever and anon remarking "My father did this," "My father did that," "one of the party, a stranger, in innocent attention, asked, "Pray, what is your father?" To which she first pretender to exultation. After a little hesitation, replied, "He is a road-surveyor." Road-surveyor is the term that would have been employed by a plain person on that occasion. —*Glasgow Paper.*

**A HINT TO GAS COMPANIES.**—At Sheffield, the charge is 4*s.* 2*d.* per 1,000 feet; Leeds, 6*s.* 8*d.*; Liverpool, 6*s.*; Cheltenham, Glasgow, and Bradford, 7*s.*; Paisley and Newcastle, 7*s.* 6*d.* The effect which lowering the price of an article like gas has upon its consumption was, perhaps, better illustrated than in the statistics of Manchester, where, in 1833, the charge was 10*s.* 6*d.* per 1,000 feet, the profits then were 8,292*l.* in 1834 it was 10*s.* 3*d.*, the profits 10,191*l.*; in 1835, 10*s.* 3*d.*, profits 13,510*l.*; in 1836, 9*s.*, profits, 16,166*l.*; in 1837, 8*s.* 6*d.*, profits 18,121*l.*; in 1838 it was again lowered to 8*s.*, and the profits raised to 19,376*l.*; in 1839 the price was 7*s.* 6*d.*, the profits 24,558*l.*; the last reduction, in 1840, to 7*s.*, and the profits increased to 24,738*l.*; in 1841, to 29,694*l.*; and in 1842, to 34,232*l.* These facts speak for themselves.

**RAILWAY TRAFFIC.**—The last weekly returns of 42 railways, 1,344 miles in length, will be of interest:—Number of passengers on 29 railways, 300,153. The receipts for passengers on 42 railways, 38,660*l.*; ditto for goods on 37 railways, 81,761*l.*; total, 120,421*l.* This is an average of 6*d.* per mile per week. We have not received the traffic returns this week of the following railways:—Dundee and Arbroath and Brendling Junctions. —*Northey Magazine.*

**THE ISLAND OF LEWIS.**—Mr. James Matheson, M.P., has purchased from the family of Seaforth the princely property of the Lewis, one of the largest islands in the Hebrides, with a population of about 15,000, and included in the county of Ross. The purchase-money was 190,000*l.* Mr. Matheson and his lady are at present on a tour in Italy; but improvements will soon be commenced, for the new proprietor intends, we understand, to devote a further sum of 40,000*l.* or 50,000*l.* towards establishing a regular steam communication with the island, forming roads, and otherwise improving his extensive territory. —*Evening Courant.*

A deputation of the Metropolitan Association for Improving the Dwellings of the Industrious Classes, consisting of Mr. J. D. Pevsley, Dr. Southwood Smith, M.D., Mr. W. A. Wilkinson, the Rev. W. W. Chambers, Mr. P. A. McGrady, M.P., Mr. John Druce, Mr. P. F. Gibson, Mr. J. W. Toller, and Mr. Charles Gifford, had an interview with Sir Robert Peel on the 23rd instant, at his official residence in Downing-street.

### Builders.

TENDERS delivered for the new Union House at Portree, Hants. — Livery, Esq., Architect. — January 11, 1844.

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| Heady .....                    | £19,930 |
| Hicks .....                    | 18,780  |
| Wells and Co. ....             | 10,501  |
| Kirk (Lapland) .....           | 12,300  |
| Plomhann and Luck .....        | 18,954  |
| Hill (Arundel) .....           | 18,500  |
| Abraham (Porter) .....         | 17,980  |
| King and Voller (Portree) .... | 12,800  |
| Diggle .....                   | 16,990  |
| Nicholson (Wanderworth) .....  | 16,780  |

Mr. Nicholson's tender was accepted.

### NOTICES OF CONTRACTS.

**KITCHENS** in repair for three years, at a sum to be paid monthly, at Pimlico, Drains, Water-closets, Troughs, Closets, Glass Windows, Locks, &c., of Plumagee Union Workhouse, Wickham Market. — Specification at the Clerk's Office. — J. Dalgrove, Clerk to Board of Guardians. Jan. 29.

Constructing various Stations at Gateshead and other places, Newcastle and Darlington Junction Railway. — Plans, &c., after last of February, at Railway Office, York. — Further particulars on application to Mr. Andrews, Architect, York. — U. Hudson, Esq., Chairman. Feb. 13.

**BUILDING A COUNTY LENATIC ARCADE AT LITTLEBORN, OXFORD.** — Plans, &c., at Mr. R. Clarke's, Architect, Clinton-street, Nottingham, or at the Office of the Clerk of the Peace, Oxford. — J. M. Cresport, Clerk of the Peace. February 22, 1844.

**BRIDDLING PIER AND HARBOUR.** — Erection of a new wharf pier, removal of present pier, and other works for enlargement of Harbours. — Plans and Specifications at Mr. Sidney Taylor, Solicitor, Bridlington, after Jan. 1, 1844. March 1, 1844.

**ALTERING EAST SUFFOLK COUNTY HALL AND COBERTS OF JUSTICE, IPWICH.** — Plans, &c., for inspection on application to Mr. Whiting, Surveyor, Esq., County Hall, Ipswich, on Monday Jan. 29; J. H. Borton, Clerk of the Peace, Bury St. Edmunds. February 12, 1844.

**WORKHOUSE ALTERATIONS, ST. LUKES, MIDDLESEX.** — Plans, &c., at Workhouse. — J. Parson, Vestry Clerk. Feb. 7, 1844.

### NOTICES.

#### TO READERS AND CORRESPONDENTS.

As the contributions to the illustrations of *THE BUILDER* are daily becoming more and more frequent, it would be well if our correspondents would send drawings of size convenient for insertion either as one, two, or three column blocks. Thus, at the same time that it would spare considerable trouble to the draughtsmen, and tend greatly to insure the accuracy, and, consequently, the utility of such contributions.

#### TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

We beg to inform "C. D." that his design for a school is engraved, and will appear in our next. We think the letter of "A Third Competitor" cannot be inserted without publishing a libel.

"A Constant Reader's" request will be attended to in our next.

We beg to thank "J. H. P." for his poetical contribution, but think it not sufficiently architectural for our publication.